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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-20 and 23-24 are now pending. Claims 1-3, 9-11 and 17-19 have been amended. Applicants hereby request further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicant respectfully submits independent claims 1, 9 and 17 include novel and nonobvious elements. Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claim under consideration. *W.L. Gore & Assocs. v. Garlock*, 721 F.2d 1540, 220 USPQ 303 (Fed. Cir. 1983), *cert. denied*, 469 U.S. 851 (1984). Further, "anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim." *Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co.*, 730 F.2d 1452, 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (citing *Connell v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, 722 F.2d 1542, 220 USPQ 193 (Fed. Cir. 1983)). Emphasis added. Additionally, to establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Ryoka*, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974). See also *In re Wilson*, 165 U.S.P.Q. 494 (C.C.P.A. 1970).

Applicant respectfully submits claims 1, 9 and 17 recite elements which have not been disclosed by the art cited by the Patent Office. For example, claims 1, 9 and 17 generally recite:

- receiving inputs from a number of participants in a conferencing session;
- determining a number of prominent inputs from the received inputs, the inputs being determined as prominent based upon voice clarity and voice loudness;
- combining prominent inputs into an output packet including at least two sub-packets, the sub-packets having payloads including mixed received inputs from the number of participants, wherein the payloads of at least two of the sub-packets contain different mixed received inputs; and
- configuring the sub-packets in the output packet so that upon receipt of the output packet by a participant, the participant examines the packets and outputs a first examined sub-packet which does not include an indication that the sub-packet includes content received from the participant, the output packet being configured as a UDP packet which encapsulates the first sub-packet and the second sub-packet,

the first sub-packet and the second sub-packet configured as RTP packets.

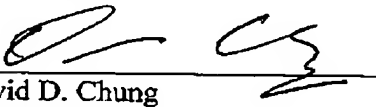
These elements have not been disclosed, taught or suggested by the art cited by the Patent Office, individually or in combination. Thus, claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-20 and 23-24 should be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the entire application now be passed to formal allowance.

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